(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp rise in exports of Steel Authority of India limited during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been a rise in export of other Public Sector Undertakings during the current year;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take some measures to ensure further rise in exports by PSUs; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Exports by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) have shown substantial rise during the current year. Exports of SAIL during 1992-93 and 1993-94 were as follows —

(Quantity in '000 Tonnes)

Year	Mil Steel	Stainless Steel
1992-93	268.7	5.5
1993-94 (upto November '93)	463.7	4.0

(c) and (d) Export data of Public Sector Undertakings is not compiled separately by the Office of Directorate General of Commercial Inteligence and Statistics, Calcutta.

(e) and (f) It is the policy of the Government to take all possible measures to increase exports by all categories of exporters including the Public Sector Undertakings.

SUGGESTIONS BY FORMERS ON DUNKEL DRAFT

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2341. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have invited suggestions from the farmers on Dunkel Draft before its finalisation; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the number of suggestions received from the farmers so far ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Government, have considered the views of a wide cross section of society including representations from farmers' organizations on the Dunkel proposals. The representations from farmers' organizations generally contained criticism of the proposals on agriculture and suggested that Government should not accept them.

VISIT OF ISRAELI DELEGATION

2342. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 Member Israeli delegation visited India recently to explore the scope for joint ventures in the hi-tech electronics industry;

(b) if so, the outcome of their visit and

(c) the details of agreements signed by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) A delegation of the Association of Electronics Industry of Israel visited India recently. Members of the delegation had discussions with Indian Industrialists regarding possible joint-venture. But no joint venture has yet been finalised.

(c) No agreement was signed by the Government in this regard.

ILLEGAL HIVING OFF OF STONES SHINGLES AND SAND FROM THE MAGHALAYAN BORDER BY BANGLADESH

2343. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after Bangladesh undertook large and wide road construction, huge quantities of stonse, shingles and sand are being illegally hived off from the Meghalayan border;

(b) whether an assessment of the national wealth thus lost has been made; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to control and legalise the outflow ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No such incidents of illegal hiving off of stones, shingles, and sand by Bangladesh on Meghalaya Border have been reported.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Field formations remain vigilant against smuggling, including illegal export of stones, shingles and sand. Close coordination is being maintained among all the agencies concerned in the detection and prevention of smuggling.

PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF BASAMATI RICE

2344. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantity of Basmati rice that is produced in India per year;

(b) what percent of total production is exported; and

(c) what is the country's share in this commodity in World Trade and what is the export price per quintal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Under the present forecasting system, the production of rice is not calculated separately for different varieties. However, it is tentatively estimated that basmati production is around 6 to 7 lakh MTs, and less then 50 per cent of this is exported.

(c) During 1991-92, India's share in world exports of basmati rice and unit value realisation was 32.32 per cent and US $ 759.77 per MT respectively.

EXPORT PROMOTION INDUSTRIAL PARKS

2345. SHRI B. K. HARI PRASAD : Will the Minster of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently announced a scheme for setting up Export Promotion Industrial Parks (EPIP) in all the States ;

(b) whether Government have received any such proposals from the State Government of Karnataka ;

(c) whether Government are aware that fully developed infrastructural facilities